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RE: Report Submitted Pursuant to the TSCA Section 8(e)

Compliance Audit Program

CAP Identification Number: 8ECAP-0026

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(e) Compliance Audit Program and the Agreement for TSCA Section 8(e) Compliance Audit Program (CAP Agreement) executed by Elf Atochem North America Inc. (Atochem) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Atochem is submitting the enclosed final report on the effects of tributyltin oxide on a marine alga to the EPA. This study does not involve effects in humans.

Nothing in this letter or the enclosed study is considered confidential business information of Atochem.

The enclosed study provides information on the chemical tributyltin oxide. Its exact chemical name is hexabutyldistannoxane and its CAS number is 56-35-9.

The title of the enclosed study is <u>Effect of Tri-n-Butyltin Oxide (TBTO)-Alkyl Sourced on the Marine Alga Dunaliella tertiolecta</u>. The following is a summary of the adverse effects observed in this study.

The 5-day algistatic concentration of tributyltin oxide for the marine alga <u>Dunaliella</u> tertiolecta, based on cell numbers, was 1.99 ppb.

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To our knowledge, Atochem has not previously submitted any TSCA Section 8(e) notices or premanufacture notifications on the subject chemical.

Further questions regarding this submission may be directed to me at 215 337-6892.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Arthur Slesinger M & T Chemicals, Inc. General Offices Rahway, NJ 07065

Dear Art:

Please find enclosed three copies of the results of an exposure of *Dunaliella tertiolecta* to TBTO-alkyl sourced. The results are a follow-on to the study conducted in December 1981 under Project R52, and expands the results reported in "Effect of tri-n-butyltin oxide (TBTO)-alkyl sourced on the marine alga *Dunaliella tertiolecta*," Bionomics Report Number BP-81-12-193.

To summarize the results, the algal cells recovered after 5-days of continuous exposure to the test material. The solvent, acetone, had an effect on cell growth and in vivo chlorophyll a, but the solvent effect does not change the fact that the cells recovered.

Please call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Peter J. Shuba, Ph.D. Technical Coordinator

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Project file

CAS: 56 35.9

TABLE 1. Cell numbers x 10⁴ per milliliter (determined by hemacytometer) during a 5-day continuous exposure of *Dunaliella tertiolecta* to TBTO-alkyl sourced. Values are means of three flasks. Percentage change is increase or decrease of cell numbers in exposed cultures as compared to the solvent control at day 5.

Nominal concentration		rs x 10 ⁴ /ml	Percentage change
(μg/l;ppb)	Day 3	Day 5	Day 5
Control	58	156	+20
Solvent control	35	130	
4.00	1	2	- 2

TABLE 2. In vivo chlorophyll a (expressed in relative fluorescence units determined with a Turner Model III fluorometer) during a 5-day continuous exposure of Dunaliella tertiolecta to TBTO-alkyl sourced. Values are means of three flasks. Percentage change is increase or decrease of relative fluorescence units in exposed cultures as compared to the solvent control at day 5.

Nominal concentration	Re	elative :	fluoresce	ence unit	ts	Percentage change
(µg/l;ppb)	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 5
Control	23	139	343	920	1,170	+54
Solvent control	17	45	83	393	760	
4.00	6	13	8	6	14	+ 2

TABLE 3. In vivo chlorophyll a (expressed in relative fluorescence units determined with a Turner Model lll fluorometer) during a 9-day recovery period which followed a 5-day exposure of *Dunaliella tertiolecta* to TBTO-alkyl sourced. Values are means of three flasks.

5-day exposure concentration (µg/l;ppb)	Relativ	ve fluorescer Day 6	nce units Day 9	Percentage change Day 9
Control	78	783	1,410	-22
Solvent control	277	1,207	1,800	
4.00	2	37	813	-54

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Effect of tri-n-butyltin oxide
(TBTO)-alkyl sourced on the marine
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Toxicity Test Report
Submitted to
M & T CHEMICALS, INC.
General Offices
Rahway, New Jersey

EG&G Bionomics Marine Research Laboratory 10307 Gulf Beach Highway Pensacola, Florida 32507 December 1981

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TOXICITY TEST SUMMARY SHEET

Client: M&T Chemicals, Inc.

Client Contact or Principal Investigator: Mr. Art Slesinger

Report date & number: December 1981; BP-81-12-193

Bionomics project number: R52 Study Director: T. A. Hollister

Test material: Tri-n-butyltin oxide (TBTO)-alkyl sourced

Description: A clear, colorless liquid

Date material received: 2 April 1981

Date of definitive test: 4-18 December 1981

Test condition: Medium: Marine Algal Assay Medium prepared with

deionized water

Temperature: 20±1°C

Light intensity: Approximately 390 ft-c

Test procedure: A Method for Measuring Algal Toxicity and Its

Application to the Safety Assssment of New

Chemicals, Payne and Hall, 1979.

Test alga: Dunaliella tertiolecta

Solvent/carrier: Reagent grade acetone

Nominal concentrations: 0.06, 0.12, 0.25, 0.50, 1.00, and 2.00

micrograms (µg)/liter (l)

Effect criterion: Change in cell numbers

5 day algistatic concentration (AC): 1.99 $\mu g/\ell$ by graphic interpolation

1.96 µg/l by linear regression

analysis

A phytotoxicity test was conducted at EG&G Bionomics Marine Research Laboratory (BMRL), Pensacola, Florida, to assess the effects of tri-n-butyltin oxide (TBTO) on the marine alga *Dunaliella tentiolecta*. The criteria for effect were the decrease of cell numbers in exposed cultures as compared to the solvent control. *In vivo* chlorophyll a concentrations were also determined to monitor the progress of the test.

All data related to this study are stored at BMRL.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Test material

The sample, received at BMRL on 2 April 1981, was a clear, colorless liquid. All test concentrations are reported here as micrograms (μg) of whole material per liter (ℓ) of algal growth medium or parts per billion (ppb).

Test organism

The culture of *Dunaliella tertiolecta* was obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Research Laboratory, Corvallis, Oregon, and maintained in stock culture at BMRL. Test methods

Test procedures were based on "A Method for Measuring Algal Toxicity and Its Application to the Safety Assessment of New Chemicals," by A. G. Payne and R. H. Hall (1979) and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (1974). Test containers were 125-ml flasks, each of which contained 50 ml of test medium. A primary stock solution of TBTO-alkyl sourced was prepared by adding a weighed amount of test material to acetone and other stock solutions were prepared by serial dilution of the primary stock.

A solvent control was also maintained to which was added 0.05 m ℓ of acetone, the maximum volume added to the test containers.

The test was conducted 4-18 December 1981.

Statistical analysis

The algistatic concentration (AC) was determined by graphic interpolation of a plot of \log_{10} of the ratio of cell numbers at the end of day 5 to the initial inoculum against \log_{10} of the concentration of test material. The algistatic concentration was then selected as that concentration of test material that corresponded to a day five ratio of one. The AC was also determined by using a computer program for determining unknowns based on linear regression of standard curve data points.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After 5 days of exposure, the percentage decrease of cell numbers in exposed cultures as compared to the solvent control was from 3% in 0.12 ppb to 100% in 2.0 ppb of the test material (Table 1; Figure 1).

Measurements of in vivo chlorophyll a demonstrated a growth-concentration response similar to the observed effect based on cell numbers. After 5 days of exposure, the percentage decrease of relative fluorescence units was from -2% in cultures exposed to 0.5 ppb to 100% in cultures exposed to 2.0 ppb of the test material (Table 2; Figure 2).

The 5-day algistatic concentration, based on cell numbers, was 1.99 ppb based on graphic interpolation and 1.96 based on linear regression analysis (Table 3; Figure 3).

Based on cell numbers and in vivo chlorophyll a, the growth of cultures previously exposed to 2.0 ppb of test material was similar to the growth of the solvent control during the 9-day recovery period

in test material-free medium, indicating no apparent residual effects (Tables 4 and 5; Figures 1 and 2).

REFERENCES

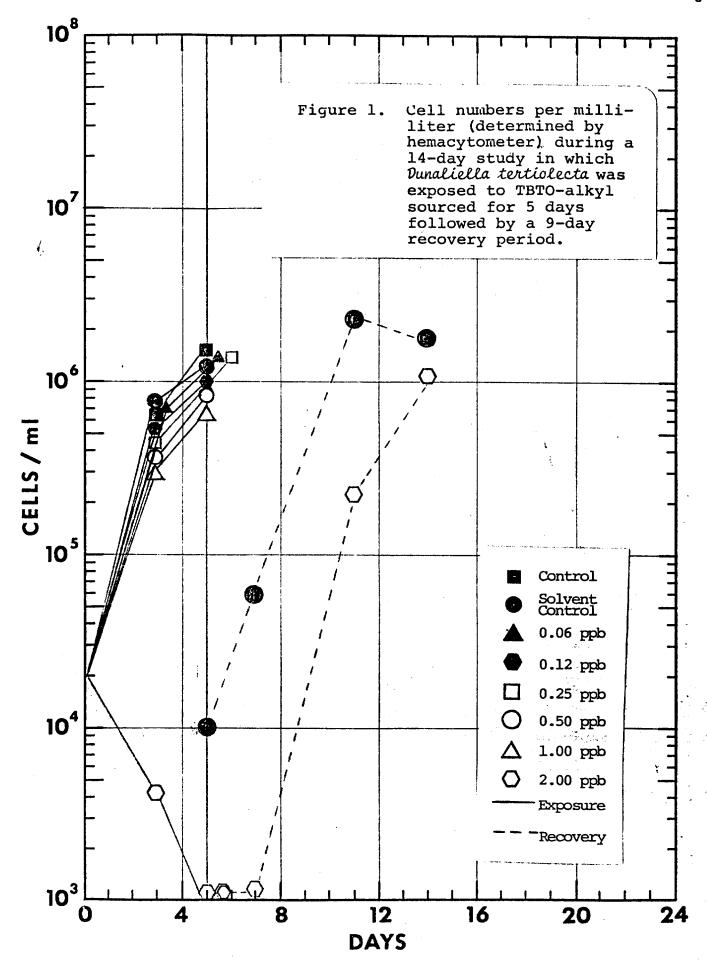
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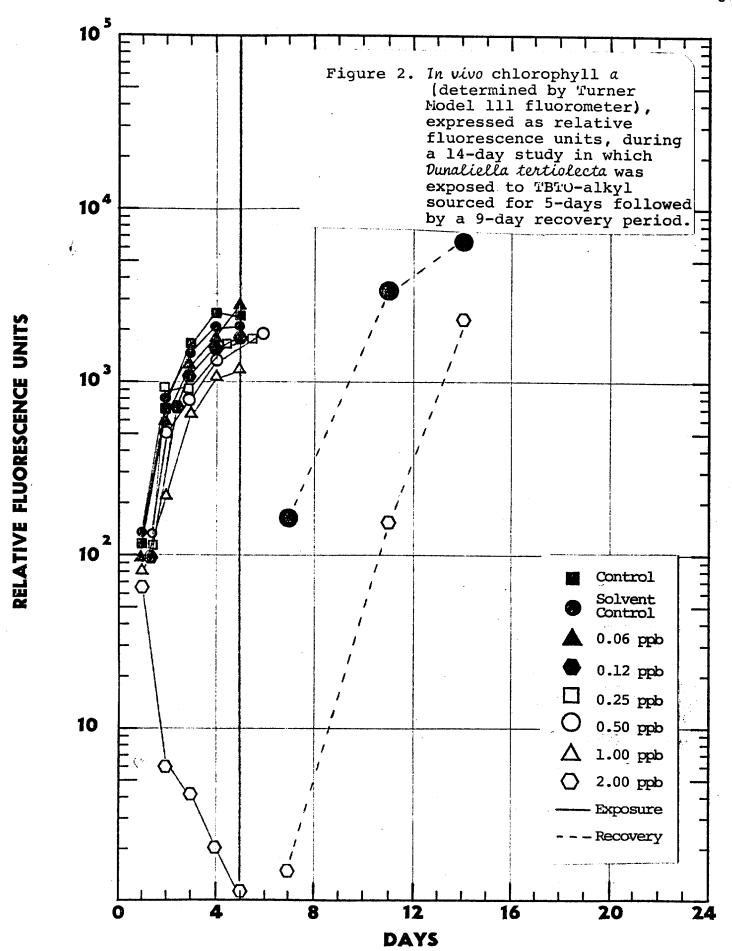
Cell numbers x 10⁴ per milliliter (determined by hemacytometer) during a 5-day continuous exposure of *Dunaliella tertiolecta* to TBTO-alkyl sourced. Values are means of three flasks. Standard deviations (±1 S.D.) are in parentheses. Percentage change is increase or decrease of cell numbers in exposed cultures as compared to the solvent control at day 5. TABLE 1.

Nominal concentration	Ce	Cell numbers x 104/m2	10 ⁴ /m	3	Percentage Change
(πd/ε; bbb)	Day 3	m	Лау	2	Day 5
Control	64	(5)	163	(30)	+13
Solvent control	29	(5)	144	(24)	1 1
90.0	99	(5)	156	(22)	8+
0.12	62	(9)	139	(17)	ဗ
0.25	09	(5)	155	(18)	8+
0.50	57	(7)	131	(19)	6
1.00	46	(4)	80	(16)	-44
2.00	0.4 (0.2)	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	-100



In vivo chlorophyll a (expressed in relative fluorescence units determined with a Turner Model III fluorometer) during a 5-day continuous exposure of Dunallella tentiolecta to TBTO-alkyl sourced. Values are means of three flasks. Standard deviations (11.5.D.) are in parentheses. Percentage change is increase or decrease of relative fluorescence units in exposed cultures as compared to the solvent control at day 5. TABLE 2.

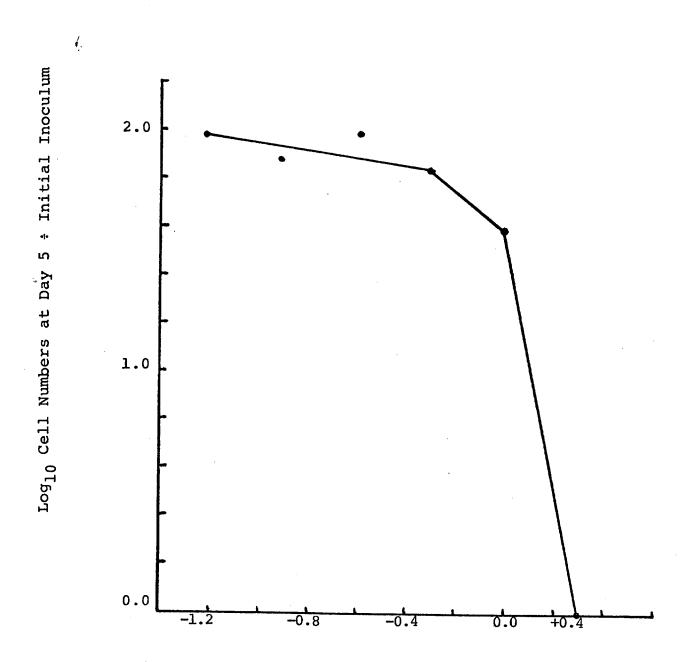
Nominal concentration	i i			Relat	Relative fluorescence units	oresce	ence un	its			Percentage change
(nd/%;ppb)	Day 1		Day	2	Day 3	3	Day 4		Day 5		Day 5
Control	129 (7)	(7)	711	(26)	1,867	(153)	(153) 2,620	(367)	2,600 (211)	(211)	+
Solvent control	132 (7)	(7)	739	(65)	1,867	(189)	(189) 2,220 (120)		2,500	(125)	1
90.0	131	(7)	700	(20)	1,867	(202)	(202) 2,160	(208)	2,680	(151)	+7
0.12	124	(2)	728	(32)	1,783	(191)	1,783 (161) 1,980	(159)	2,560	(121)	+2
0.25	111	(6)	772	(25)	1,750	(132)	2,020	(302)	2,360	(193)	9
0.50	111	(2)	539	(42)	1,667	(126)	1,667 (126) 1,900 (227)	(227)	2,440 (250)	(250)	1 2
1.00	102 (4)	(4)	245	(7)	006	(100)	(100) 1,200 (262)		1,360	(151)	-46
2.00	67	(4)	9	(0.0)	4	(1)	7	(0)	0	(0)	-100



Comparison of cells per milliter present after 5 days exposure of Dunaliella tertiolecta to TBTO-alkyl sourced and the initial inoculum (cell numbers at day 5 * 2.0 x 104). A value of 1 would be considered algistatic. TABLE 3.

Cell numbers at day 5:initial inoculum	78	70	78	99	40	0	
Nominal concentration (µg/&;ppb)	90.0	0.12	0.25	0.50	1.00	2.00	

Figure 3. Plot of log₁₀ of cell numbers at day 5 ÷ the initial inoculum (2 x 10⁴ cell per ml) versus log₁₀ of the concentration of TBTO-alkyl sourced.



Log₁₀ TBTO-alkyl sourced concentration

Standard deviations (#1 S.D.) 5-day exposure of Dunaliella tertiolecta to TBTÓ-(determined by hemacytometer) during a 9-day of three flasks. Cell numbers x 104 per millilter recovery period which followed a alkyl sourced. Values are means are in parentheses.

concentration (ug/l;ppb)	Day 0	Cel	1 number	Cell numbers x 104/m2 Day 2 Day 6	/m 2 6	Day	6
Solvent control	1.0	9	(1)	240	240 (12)	182	182 (12)
2.00	0.0	0	(0)	22 (3)	(3)	106 (8)	(8)

chlorophyll a (expressed in relative fluorescence units determined with Turner Model III fluorometer) during a 9-day recovery period which followed a day exposure of Dunaliella tertiolecta to TBTO-alkyl sourced. Values are means of Standard deviations (+1 S.D.) are in parentheses. three flasks. In vivo . . TABLE

nits	Day 9	6,133 (404)	2,150 (200)	
rescence u	9	(126)	(25)	
Relative fluorescence units	Day	3,183	177	
Ä	, 2	(3)	(0)	
	Day	181	ч	
5-day exposure	concentration $(\mu g/k_i ppb)$	Solvent control	2.00	

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